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SUBJECT: ZAWIA REFINERY OPERATING AND PETROLEUM
PRODUCT EXPORTS TO BEGIN

1. NEW LIBYAN REFINERY AT ZAWIA HAS BEGUN
OPERATIONS AT 60,000 BPD RATE WITH EXPANSION TO
120,000 BPD IN PLANNING STAGE ACCORDING TO PRESS.
ALTHOUGH FORMAT INAUGURATED BY QADHAFI LAST
SEPTEMBER, REFINERY HAS HAD DIFFICULTIES WHICH
NOT YET RESOLVED. MAIN PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE
INSUFFICIENCY OF LOCAL CIVIL ENGINEERING WORK
(NOT ITALIAN EQUIPMENT OR INSTALLATIONS),
CAUSING COLLAPSE OF PLATFORMS FOR HEAVIER
MACHINERY AND RESULTANT DAMAGE TO THIS MACHINERY.

2. ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL REPORTS RATE PRODUCTION AT
60,000 BPD, RELIABLE
SOURCES ESTIMATE INPUT LESS
THAN ONE-THIRD THIS FIGURE. APPARENTLY AS RESULT
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OF PRESSURE FROM REGIME LEADERSHIP, REFINERY MANAGER

HAVE COMMENCED AT LEAST LIMITED PRODUCTION HEAVY
FUEL OIL, DIESEL OIL AND KEROSENE, WITH NO GASOLINE
VEP LPG BEING RUN OUT. LIBYA WILL THIS MONTH BECOME
A NET EXPORTER OF PRODUCT, HEAVY FUEL OIL, FOR THE
FIRST TIME.
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